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**Activities related to the United Nations Conference on
Sustainable Development****Activities related to the United Nations Conference on
Sustainable Development****Note by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on activities stemming from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report.

Summary of the report

At its second session, held in August 2012, the Committee of Experts expressed its appreciation for the active efforts undertaken at the Conference to highlight the importance of geospatial information to the sustainable development agenda, and noted that one of the successes achieved at the Conference was the recognition, in the Conference outcome document entitled "The future we want", of the importance of reliable geospatial information in support of sustainable development.

In acknowledging that efforts to raise awareness of the role of geospatial information must continue, the Committee of Experts requested the Secretariat to report to it on the related follow-up activities it had undertaken since the Conference. In its report, the Secretariat therefore outlines its efforts to reach out to decision makers on the importance of the use of reliable geospatial information and space-technology-based data for sustainable development and to encourage national geospatial information authorities to actively contribute to sustainable development discussions and activities. It also provides an update on activities carried out in the

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context of using reliable geospatial information for risk assessment and disaster risk reduction instruments, as well as on the major follow-up activities related to the Conference, including the set of sustainable development goals currently being established by the United Nations.
